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PARIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS

REF: HARTMAN-HILLENBRAND AND ANDERSON-HILLENBRAND TELE-
CONS

1. AT A MEETING WITH THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND AMERICAN
AMBASSADORS CALLED BY STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF NIGHT OF
DECEMBER 16, THE LATTER STATED THAT THE CHANCELLOR WISHED
TO HAVE A CABINET MEETING ON MORNING OF DECEMBER 17
APPROVE THE PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTS AND DECLARATIONS TO
BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE FRG AND GDR TO CONCLUDE THE
INNER-GERMAN TRANSIT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER
WAY SINCE LAST MARCH. ALLIED CONCURRENCE WAS REQUESTED
BY 1100 HOURS DECEMBER 17.

2. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL POINTS, THE THREE
AMBASSADORS AGREED TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM CAPITALS ON AN
URGENT BASIS.

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3. WE HAVE EXAMINED THE TEXTS INVOLVED, AND WHILE WE SEE SOME DIFFICULTIES NONE APPEARS TO DO SERIOUS DAMAGE TO ANY SIGNIFICANT ALLIED INTEREST ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME PRACTICAL PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL RAIL STOPS IN WEST BERLIN. TO SAFEGUARD OUR POSITION WE WOULD GIVE OUR APPROVAL SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIO THAT NOTHING IN THESE AGREEMENTS CAN AFFECT BASIC ALLIED LEGAL POSITIONS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCED TELECONS WE WILL SO PROCEED PRIOR TO 1100 DECEMBER 17.
HILLENBRAND

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